

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 1, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

APG to conduct training exercises

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground will support training exercises on Carroll Island from Tuesday to Friday beginning the week of June 6.

The exercises will be conducted during daylight hours. Residents and boaters in the surrounding communities may hear weapons firing.

Questions should be directed to 410-278-1147/1153.

Announcing a road closure

Grant Road at Skippers Point Road will be closed until the end of October.

The construction company C&R Environmental Associates will be readying the old family housing buildings for demolition.

Occupants are asked to keep children and pets out of this area. Police will be patrolling the area to make sure unauthorized personnel stay out.

For more information, call Richard B. Dunham, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1163.

Bald eagle signs posted

Signs indicating a 500-meter buffer zone in the area bounded by Plumb Point Loop East, Spesutie Island Road and Hopkins Road have been posted. Normal activities and travel on these roads is not restricted, however, residents and visitors are asked to avoid this area until June 15, when the bald eagle nesting season is over.

The Endangered Species Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act protect eagles. Disturbing or harassing an eagle is as illegal as shooting an eagle.

For more information, call John Paul, 410-436-4567.

KUSAHC hosts change of command

There will be a Change of Command ceremony at

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APG leads Memorial Day tributes

Story and photo by
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 APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community continued its tradition of joining with local veterans organizations to honor veterans of past wars during the Memorial Day tribute at the Edgewood Cemetery May 30.

Timothy J. Baird, past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council, hosted the ceremony that included, music by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), a gun salute by the 16th Ordnance Battalion salute battery, the presentation of colors by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5337, American Legion Post #17, and Sons of the American Legion squadron #17, Boy Scout Troop #1234 and Cub Scout Pack #651; and remarks by Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command.

Chaplain Douglas Duerksen (Maj.) of the 61st Ordnance Brigade delivered the invocation.

Guests included Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar.

Nadeau said that for many Memorial Day has become a holiday that signifies the end of the school year and the start of the summer vacation period.

"All of that is fine as long as we pause to remember the real meaning of the day," Nadeau said.

"Memorial Day is a unique American holiday," he



Charlene Wetzel, senior vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 5337, places a memorial wreath at the entrance to the Edgewood Cemetery during the Memorial Day tribute May 30.

said, citing its origin as Decoration Day during the Civil War, to its becoming a federal holiday.

He said that Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1971, Congress passed the National Holiday

Act to ensure a three-day weekend for federal holidays, and it is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May.

Noting the lingering tensions between the North and the South during the holiday's early years and the subsequent conflicts that united the country since, Nadeau said that the day has come to mean different things to different people.

"Each of us will remember our generations in

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DTC hosts Asian Pacific American celebration

Story and photo by
Cassandra Lampkin
 Special contributor

In observation of Asian Pacific American Heritage month, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command sponsored a program to celebrate through art, history, music and martial arts at the APG Recreation Center May 24.

The program featured a keynote address that reflected the effect diversity has on America and the need for Americans to embrace it.

APG Garrison Chaplain Yun J. Kim (Capt.) delivered the keynote address and spoke on the program's theme, "Liberty and Freedom for All," which Judy Matthews, DTC executive officer, said was a spin off of DTC's theme to

show appreciation for multiculturalism.

Kim noted that the vast numbers of diverse backgrounds continue to take shape in our nation.

"America is more diverse than ever," Kim said.

"Asian Pacific Americans make up almost 5 percent of our country's population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and by the year 2050, one out of 10 Americans will trace their heritage to Asia or the islands of the Pacific.

"We represent dozens of distinct ethnic groups each with its own language, culture and history," he said.

He referred to America's ability to freely embrace diversity as "a blessing." He added that our nation has an opportunity to "reach a deeper understanding of mankind to break free from stereotypes and prejudices."

He said, "To keep diversifying America, we must also contribute to harmonizing it."

Kim concluded by posing questions to the audience.

"Ask yourselves: What am I doing to make a difference? What can I do to promote harmony in diversity?"

"Diversity is what makes us strong," he said.

He said that the purpose of the luncheon was "to recognize the talents and capacity of Asian Pacific Americans for making America a nation that fully lives up to its promise."

Brig. Gen. Micheal Combest, DTC's commander, welcomed Kim, saying people should no longer view America as a "melting pot" because it implies that "you become a single entity."

"With this mind set, you loose your individual cultural identity," he said.

"On the other hand, when you view our country as a rope you end up with a much stronger product."

"It makes sense because this way you have much more utility. A rope is made up of weak individual strands that combine together to pull people and create balance," Combest said.

Throughout Combest's welcoming remarks he enumerated many of the heroic accomplishments made by Asian Pacific Americans who served in the military.

"Soldiers in the Inouye's Japanese-American Unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, received 47 Distinguished Service Crosses, 350 Silver Stars, 810 Bronze Stars and more than 3,600 Purple Hearts," Combest said.

He mentioned that several Asian

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Ryan Velivlis, co-owner of Freedom Martial Arts and Wellness Center and martial arts practitioner, provides a martial arts demonstration at the Asian Pacific Islander celebration May 24.

Freedom Team Salute recognizes Army's extended family

Eric Cramer
 Army News Service

The Army began its Freedom Team Salute campaign designed to recognize those who support Soldiers' service and veterans who have served the country in the past in a Pentagon ceremony May 2.

Francis Harvey, secretary of the Army, said the goal of the campaign is to recognize those who make Soldiers' service possible.

"Our Soldiers do not answer their noble calling of defending the values that have made our country great – this call to duty – without the support of those from whom they draw so much strength: spouses, parents, relatives, teachers, friends and employers," Harvey said.

He said Army veterans are also a key part of the campaign.

"Of particular importance is the recognition that this program provides for Army veterans," he said. "Today these courageous men and women collectively represent 10 million out of a total of 26 million veterans residing in all 50 states. Freedom Team Salute provides another opportunity for the Army to show its appreciation to veterans and Veterans

Service Organizations for their dedicated serviced and continued support of today's Soldiers and families."

Gen. Richard Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, said Freedom Team Salute is a way to recognize the sacrifices of those who don't wear the Army's uniform. He said he had recently visited the New York National Guard unit that rescued American hostage Thomas Hamill.

"But that's not surprising considering the outstanding Soldiers that make up the unit and the incredible support they have received from their families, employers and units," Cody said. "Freedom Team Salute allows our Soldiers to pause and say 'thank you' to our incredible extended Army family that has done so much for our troops."

Cody introduced three Soldiers who had nominated family members or employers for the Freedom Team Salute program.

First Lt. Jennifer McGhee, U.S. Army National Guard 1710th Transportation Co., presented the commemoration package to her employer, Chris Small, of the Alexandria, Va., based Arrowpoint Corp., an Army veteran who, she said, not only supported her service with her unit, but also promoted her.

Master Sgt. John Melada presented the Freedom Team Salute package to his wife, Michelle, for her support while he was deployed with the 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

Spc. Nicolas Turner, of The Old Guard, presented his parents with the recognition for their support of his service.

Rodriguez said receiving the Freedom Team Salute recognition is an honor.

"It's going to be good for the Army. When I saw the one sergeant present the pin to his wife, or the young sergeant to his parents, it almost brought tears to my eyes," Rodriguez said. "We need to recognize what's going on in the United States, and show the people in the community that the military, the Army, knows and cares about the sacrifices they make."

The Freedom Team Salute package includes an "Army of One" lapel pin, an official Army decal, a letter of appreciation signed by the Army chief of staff and the secretary of the Army, and a letter of thanks signed by the chief of staff and the secretary.

Soldiers who wish to nominate someone to receive the Freedom Team Salute recognition can do so by visiting the campaign's official Web site, <http://www.freedomteamsalute.army.mil>.

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APG celebrates Military Spouse Appreciation Day

ACS

The APG Post Exchange and Army Community Service recognized Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 6, with a cake cutting, drawing and information table at the Post Exchange.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is part of the National Military Appreciation Month designated by Congress. The day recognizes the contributions that spouses make to the military and the country on a daily basis. Wherever there is a military family – whether active, guard, reserve, or retiree – there is a communi-

ty made stronger by the example and the contributions of the military spouse.

Tammy Wright, wife of Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, began the event with a cake cutting at 11 a.m.

Shoppers were treated with cake and cookies, as well as an opportunity to share their experiences as military spouses. The PX also celebrated the day with 10 drawings for \$25 gift cards and discounts on clothing.

Army Community Service offered community resource information and bags with entertaining books about being a military spouse.

“It is wonderful to have a day that appreciates the military spouse,” Wright said. “Military spouses are dedicated, hard working people who support their service member and community.”

“Although May 6 was set aside to acknowledge their dedication to the military, husbands and wives deserve recognition and sincerest appreciation for their strength, unity, patriotism and support every day,” said ACS director, Celestine Beckett. “The Post Exchange and Army Community Service commend the devotion and pride of the military spouse and the significant role they play in the APG communi-

ty.”

“It is important that military spouses get involved and support each other. We are part of the team,” noted Wright. “The work of all members of the team, military, their spouses, retirees, and the civilians at APG work together to make APG great.”

“Whether they are shopping at the PX, volunteering for Army Community Service, or supporting their Family Readiness Group, military spouses are an important part of the APG community,” Beckett said.

For more information about the resources offered by ACS, call 410-278-7572.

DoD launches new Military Spouse Career Center
Education, training, career services consolidated

DoD

A new Military Spouse Career Center commissioned by the Department of Defense Office of Military Community and Family Policy launched April 4 at www.Military.com/spouse. This resource connects America's 1 million military spouses with education options, scholarships, training programs, career planning tips and employment opportunities.

The new Military Spouse Career Center was developed under contract by Monster, the leading global online careers property, and its Military.com subsidiary.

"Military spouses also serve, and we aim to put career, education and training opportunities and resources at their fingertips," said John Molino, deputy under secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

"We aim to make it easier for employers and educational institutions to reach this large, attractive talent pool that has proven elusive to-date, says Christopher Michel, President of Military.com, a subsidiary of Monster.

The new Military Spouse Career Center offers an extensive job board that

includes hundreds of thousands of jobs from the public and private sectors. A list of military spouse-friendly employers is included, and will grow as more employers step forward to participate.

The new Career Center includes information on entering and advancing in popular career fields, especially when military relocation requires finding a new role. The Career Center covers many so-called "portable" career fields that lend themselves to continuity despite frequent relocations. Also included is information regarding jobs on military installations, overseas employment opportunities, and volunteer options.

For those exploring career options, the Military Spouse Career Center has a "Career Advice" section outlining a step-by-step approach to career planning. Tools and tips for assessing personal goals, skills and interests are included. This section culminates in tips for job searches, resumes, interviews, and starting a career, as well as, family support resources that can be key enablers to pursuing a career. Topics include career counseling, licensing and certification, childcare and youth programs.

The center also includes links to the personal support services offered to military families at Military OneSource 24/7 at 1-800-342-9647 and <http://www.militaryonesource.com/>.

A large talent pool

Military spouses number more than 1 million and comprise a large, attractive talent pool. Military spouses are engaged in the full spectrum of career fields, including healthcare, teaching, childcare, real estate and administrative professions.

Employers often cite the skills and attitudes of military spouses. Companies such as Adecco, Home Depot and Cintas value the military spouse talent pool.

Getting involved

Employers seeking to hire military spouses indicate their interest at www.Military.com/spouse. Educational institutions and other service providers can also indicate their scholarships or programs for military spouses.

For more information, contact, Vince Patton, director of Business Development for Military Advantage [Military.com], at 703-269-0154, or by e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

New policy increases job opportunities for military spouses

Military.com

Civilian personnel officials are trying to spread the word about a Defense Department policy change that gives military spouses at overseas and stateside bases more job opportunities.

Military spouses no longer will be penalized for accepting temporary, time-limited jobs.

In the past, military spouses who accepted a non-permanent position lasting for more than one year would lose their military spouse preference until their next permanent change of station. The new policy went into effect Oct. 7, 2004 but the word has been slow to trickle down to installations.

The change is based on a two-year trial program in Europe called MSP Choice that ended more than a year ago. Under the new program, military spouses can use their spouse preference to accept or decline temporary positions until they get a permanent job, also known as a "continuing position." This means that military spouses won't have to stay unemployed while waiting to apply for a permanent position.

Also under the new program, military spouses who lost preference on or after Oct. 7 because they accepted or declined a time-limited position in the federal service can have preference reinstated.

To read a related article, see http://www.military.com/NewContent/0,13190,SS_030205_Spouse,00.html.

Commentary—Military spouses pay the price too

Paige Swiney
Special contributor

It was just another harried Wednesday afternoon trip to the commissary. My husband was off teaching young men to fly. My daughters were going about their daily activities knowing I would return to them at the appointed time, bearing, among other things, their favorite fruit snacks frozen pizza and all the little extras that never had to be written down on a grocery list.

My grocery list, by the way, was in my 16-month-old daughter's mouth, and I was lamenting the fact that the next four aisles of needed items would pass by while extracting the last of my list from my daughter's mouth, when I nearly ran over an old man.

This man clearly had no appreciation for the fact that I had 45 minutes left to finish the grocery shopping, pick up my 4-year old from tumbling class and get to school, where my 12-year-old and her car pool mates would be waiting.

I knew men didn't belong in a commissary, and this old guy was no exception. He stood in front of the soap selection staring blankly, as if he'd never had to choose a bar of soap in his

life. I was ready to bark an order at him when I realized there was a tear on his face. Instantly, this grocery aisle roadblock transformed into a human....

"Can I help you find something?" I asked.

He hesitated, and then told me he was looking for soap.

"Any one in particular?" I continued.

"Well, I'm trying to find my wife's brand of soap," he said.

I started to loan him my cell phone to call her when he said, "She died a year ago, and I just want to smell her again."

Chills ran down my spine. I don't think the 22,000-pound mother of all bombs could have had the same impact. As tears welled up in my eyes, my half-eaten grocery list didn't seem so important. Neither did fruit snacks or frozen pizza.

I spent the remainder of my time in the commissary that day listening to a man tell the story of how important his wife was to him -- how she took care of their children while he served our country.

A retired, decorated World War II pilot who flew missions to protect Americans still needed

the protection of a woman who served him at home.

My life was forever changed that day. Every time my husband works too late or leaves

before the crack of dawn, I try to remember the sense of importance I felt that day in the commissary.

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Gaining work experience

ACS

Okay, so maybe it's a little unfair, but job seekers still need to deal with the fact that employers are looking for them to have some amount of experience -- even for "entry-level" positions.

So how is the job seeker supposed to gain the experience? Here are five ways to gain experience:

Part-time (or summer) job. These are jobs that help to pay the bills and are often overlooked or downplayed by new job seekers...but don't downplay retail sales clerk or waitress experience. These part-time jobs show that the job seeker can be a responsible employee, interact with customers, and understand the basics of business.

Internship. Complete at least two intern-

ships while in school. Not only can internships help with career interests, they provide valuable experience in the career field and provide the job seeker with valuable contacts for a network.

Volunteering. If the job seeker has done a lot of volunteer work, be sure to show it on the resume...even if that volunteer work was not necessarily in the specific career field. These experiences show maturity in recognizing a world outside the college dorm room, and they can also help provide important contacts for a network.

Class project. If the job-seeker has prepared a marketing plan for a local business, designed store windows for a local merchant, conducted market research, etc., then by all

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Gilchrest visits APG



Photo by KHAALID WALLS

After speaking at a lunch to honor members of the Organization of Anzio Veterans at the Ordnance Museum April 22, from left, Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, a republican for Maryland's first district, Col. Kevin Smith, OC&S chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, are given an overview of the U.S. Army's Large Artifact Rehabilitation Site's restoration capabilities by museum curator Ed Heasley. The World War II-era M-10 Tank Destroyer pictured is currently in the early stages of being restored for display on APG's 'Tank Row.'

About the KUSAHC Pharmacy

KUSAHC

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Pharmacy staff is an available resource for answers to questions about medications, but there are also other pharmacy resources available via the Internet.

The TRICARE Pharmacy Program is explained in depth at www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets.

For questions regarding the availability of a specific medication visit <http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/>, select DRUG FORMULARY and select ABERDEEN (KIRK AHC) under Pick a Pharmacy.

The pharmacy hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each week day. To request refills for a prescription by phone, call 1-800-248-

6337 or via the Internet, send e-mail to https://consult.wramc.amedd.army.mil/refills.

Refills are available for pickup after 2 p.m. the next business day. Prescriptions/refills not picked up within 10 business days are returned to stock and are no longer available for pickup.

KUSAHC puts emphasis on children’s safety in clinic

Janice A. Spellman
KUSAHC

Concerns over child safety prompted Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to address a policy on non-patient children in the facility.

Effective June 1, KUSAHC implement a new policy regarding safety to patients in the clinic.

Only patients can access examination or treatment rooms. Children without appointments cannot accompany a patient into the treatment or exam room.

The presence of non-patient children is often distracting for the patient and the provider. In addition, non-patient children are often at risk under these circumstances because of the inability

to provide adequate supervision for them while the parent or sibling is treated.

Parents or sponsors need to arrange for childcare for non-patient children.

Parents can use existing hourly childcare services on post but must pre-register through the Outreach Office at 410-278-7571. Registration requires filling out a packet. The Daycare would have to be notified a week in advance of any hourly daycare on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$3.50 an hour and no more than 25 hours a week.

If the patient’s reason for an appointment is not urgent then the patient will reschedule the appointment

Seeking urgent care?

KUSAHC

Effective June 1, all urgent care through a civilian provider such as Patient First, will require an ‘URGENT’ referral from the primary care manager.

Urgent care conditions are those that do not threaten further disability or death if not treated immediately, but that require professional attention sooner than 24 hours to avoid the potential of such a

threat. Examples are a rising temperature or a sprain.

If the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic call center tells a patient there are no same-day appointments for urgent care, the call will be forwarded to a triage nurse in the Pediatric or Adult Medicine Clinic. If determination is made that urgent care is required, the Primary Care Manager will provide an urgent referral.

If urgent care is required after hours, call the KUSAHC staff duty at 410-278-1725 who will contact the provider for a return call.

If a referral for urgent care is not received from the primary care manager the patient may get billed under the Point-of-Service option. This means the patient will pay a higher cost-share and deductible.

Scholarships awarded at MCSC reception

Story and photo by
Lisa Panozzo
MCSC

The Military and Civilian Spouses’ Club sponsored a scholarship reception for three students at the home of Brig. Gen. Walter Davis May 24.

Amy Carlson, MCSC president, opened with a thank you to all who attended the reception and also praised the members who volunteered and worked so diligently to raise the funds.

Melinda Sigler, Scholarship Committee chairperson, said that “this year we had many qualified candidates though two really stood out. Because of this, the committee decided to award two large scholarships.”

Matthew Jackson, currently finishing his first year at Villa Julie College, received a scholarship of \$1,250. He is majoring in biology with the intention of eventually earning his doctorate in physical therapy.

Angela Dennis was the Graduate Student Scholarship winner. She received \$1,250 toward her master’s in management and leadership development at Towson University. Dennis will be graduating in January and hopes to find a government position, as she is a military wife.

The MCSC also administers the scholarship for First Command. Gerry Saari, District Manager for First Command, presented the \$1,000 scholarship to Kristin Jones. Jones is currently a senior at Havre de Grace High School with a GPA of 4.07. She is ranked 8th out of 150 seniors and has accumulated over 700 hours in community service. Jones plans to attend

Towson University and major in elementary education.

Saari commented “when I read Ms. Jones’ qualifications, I no longer felt I could complain I had too much work. She not only had time to get her schoolwork done, she also participated in extra-curricular sports and volunteered her time by tutoring others and helping in her church.”

All three scholarship winners said the funds would be used toward tuition and they were grateful to receive the financial help that MCSC was providing.

After the awards were presented,

desserts
and
refreshments
were
served as
congratulations
were
given to
the well-deserving
students.

The
MCSC is
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Its
purpose
is to

provide a support system for its members, develop leadership skills, foster unity within the military community, broaden and enrich the lives of its members and promote the relationship between the military and surrounding civilian communities.

Throughout the year, the MCSC works to provide financial assistance to various organizations. Ways and Means, apple pie sales and basket Bingo all provide the MCSC with the means to offer this support.

During 2004-2005, MCSC raised over \$4,000 to give back to the community.



Melinda Sigler, Scholarship Committee chairperson, left, talks with MCSC First Command scholarship winner Kristen Jones about her upcoming college pursuits while Jones’ parents, Linda and Steven listen. Kristen’s father is a master sergeant assigned to the 326th Airlift Squadron at Dover Air Force Base.

Experience

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means include this valuable experience on the resume. Don’t overplay the experience, but do include it.

Temping. A lot of job seekers overlook temporary agencies because of the

misconception that temp agencies are only for secretarial or clerical work.

In fact, many temp agencies place a wide variety of professionals in short-term, long-term, and contract placement. This kind of work is a great way to gain experience and confidence.

Whether looking for a job in Europe or in the United States, these five

avenues provide ideas on how to gain job experiences. Choose whatever is appropriate.

For assistance with a job search, visit Marilyn Howard at the Army Community Service Employment office, building 2754, or call 410-278-9669.

Community Notes

FRIDAY JUNE 3 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Cecil County Relay for Life will be held 10 p.m., at the Elkton High School, Elkton. Doors open 9:15 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Extra packs cost \$5 each. There will only be 12 games. Light refreshments, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking is permitted.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332 or Pat Job at 410-658-5628.

SATURDAY JUNE 4 8TH ANNUAL WADE IN

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center and the Tributary Strategy Team is sponsoring their 8th Annual Wade In, 2 to 5 p.m., to measure water quality.

Participants will wade into the waters of Otter Point Creek and then enjoy lots of fun family activities including live music, fish printing, turtle time, pontoon boat rides, fish seining, canoeing, face painting and more. Free for all ages - no registration is required.

For information, directions, or to make a reservation, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 ext 1688.

YOUTH CHOIR ANNIVERSARY

The St. James AME Church Youth Choir, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace will celebrate its 16th Choir Anniversary with a program at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

COMMUNITY FAIR

Perry Hall Baptist Church will host a Community Fair from

1 to 4 p.m. at 3919 Schroeder Avenue, Perry Hall. The fair will include complimentary hot dogs, chips, popcorn, snowballs, drinks, pony rides, clowns, face painting, dunking booth, moon-bounce, music, classic and antique car show, door prizes and more. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the church at 410-256-8880 or e-mail jhartman@perry-hallbaptist.org.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY JUNE 4 AND 5 NATIVE AMERICANS HONORING VETERANS

The Perry Point Veteran's Administration Equal Opportunity Native American Program will host Eagles Nest 2005, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sixth annual Native American Festival honoring veterans will be held at the Perry Point VA Medical Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Guests include Head Man Dancer, Okey Sykes; Head Lady Dancer, Jacke Buchwald; Host Drum (Southern), Little Horse Singers; Guest Drum (Northern), Bum Kneez; Emcee, Frank Little Bear; Arena director, Gary Scholl; and flute presentation/workshop with Robert Willasch.

MONDAY JUNE 6 TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold its regular meeting 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club on Aberdeen Proving Ground. The meeting is open to anyone on or off post who wants to improve their leadership and communication skills, and overcome the fear of speaking in public.

For more information, call 410-734-6573 or 410-322-7748.

SATURDAY JUNE 11 FLAG DAY

CELEBRATION

Civilian and military personnel (active and retired) are invited to join the Town of Bel Air in celebrating Flag Day at 8 a.m. at the William

A. Humbert Amphitheater in Shamrock Park on Lee Street. Uniform recommended.

For more information, call 410-638-4550.

‘Operation Oasis’ offers Soldiers respite from deployment stress

As a ‘thank you’ to those who seek to secure and sustain the nation’s freedom, Operation Oasis, an outreach program at Sandy Cove Christian Conference Center in North East, Md., offers a free three-day, two-night stay for troops who have spent long hours in the Middle East.

Any military personnel who were deployed to the Middle East area during the most recent confrontations are welcome to stay with their spouse and children.

The mission is to minister to military men and women by offering them a mini-vacation in a Christian atmosphere.

Follow the one-mile

wooded lane to the top of the bay. Overnight arrivals, stay to the left at the "Y" and proceed around and down to the main hotel entrance and parking.

Day guests parking for the dining room and Palmer auditorium events, turn right at the "Y" in front of the playground and proceed to the large upper parking lot.

The closest Greyhound bus station is in Aberdeen about 35-40 minutes from Sandy Cove.

For more information or to discuss directions or transportation to Sandy Cove, call Carol Lee Lynch at 1-800-387-4843, or e-mail c.lynch@sandycove.org.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-9008.

AMITYVILLE HOROR

Friday, June 3, 7 p.m.

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Melissa George

George and Kathy Lutz along with their three children moved into a house that was the site of a murdered family, thinking it was going to be their dream home. Especially if their dreams were nightmares. The Lutz family only lasted 28 days in their home after they were terrorized by a demonic force that drove them away. Based on the true story of George and Kathy Lutz, The Amityville Horror remains one of the most horrifying haunted house stories ever told - because it actually happened. (Rated R)

A LOT LIKE LOVE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, June 4, 9 p.m.

Starring: Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet, Tamryn Manning

On a flight from Los Angeles to New York, Oliver (Kutcher) and Emily (Peet) make a connection, only to decide that they are poorly suited to be together. But since then, they keep bumping into each other.

Gradually, they begin to think that maybe they should be a couple, though the timing is never right. As they struggle with relationships, careers, and other life events, their friendship grows. (Rated PG-13)



Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

Monday

Studio Five, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 5:30pm

Tuesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Your Corps, 10:30 a.m.
Studio Five, 11 a.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Studio Five, 9 a.m., 9 p.m.
The American Veteran, 1 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m.
Your Corps, 5 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Thursday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8pm
Studio Five, 7 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.

Friday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Studio Five, 7 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
AFN News Europe, 6:30 a.m.
Battleground, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Studio 5, 8 a.m.
Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.
Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.
American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.
Studio Five, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m.

Battleground, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.

Your Corps, 11 a.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch – Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army

Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world

Studio Five – A conversation with the military: Weekly interviews of Defense Department about today’s top issues

Your Corps – Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps

Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq

Air Force Prime Time - A weekly topical news program covering Air Force events and people for all of Europe, Southwest Asia and Africa. Produced by the Air Force Broadcasting Service, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the United States Air Force

The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service

Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from WWII, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. A Pentagon Channel Original Series

American Forces Network Europe Evening News – Daily news and information from the U.S. European Command – produced by the American Forces Network Europe, Frankfurt, Germany

Post Shorts

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 10 a.m., June 24, in front of the clinic. Col. John M. Wempe will relinquish his command to Lt. Col. William A. Rice.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will take place at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300.

The dress is duty uniform. KUSAHC will be closed in the morning with the exception of active duty sick call at 5:30 a.m.

The pharmacy will be open until 9:30 a.m.

MCSC donates funds

The Military and Civilian Spouse’s Club provides a support system to its members for leadership development, creating unity within the APG community and promoting a relationship between the military and surrounding civilian communities.

The MCSC will present the 2005 welfare recipients checks at 6:30 p.m., June 8, in the Ordnance Museum.

Recipients are Aberdeen High School Math and Science Academy, \$200; Police Service Division, APG, \$200; Alpha’s Glory Center, \$500; Magnolia Elementary School, 2nd Grade, \$500; Birthright Pregnancy Resource Center, \$400; and Gold Star Operation, \$300.

Find your Caribbean soul

The Civilian Welfare Fund will host a Caribbean Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, June 3 at the Top of the Bay. Tickets cost \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Start the summer right with an evening of Caribbean music and dancing.

Light fare includes Caribbean jerk chicken wings and more. Cash bar. Patrons must be 18 years of age to attend and 21 years of age to consume alcohol. Dress is extremely casual.

Register by June 1. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Angela Keithley, 410-278-4603 or e-mail angela.keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Mentors wanted

The APG Minority College Relations Team is looking for volunteer mentors to assign to students attending minority colleges/universities in various academic disciplines.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor should e-mail APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

For more information, call Neslie Etheridge, 410-278—1131.

APG gate construction update

Gate construction began May 16 at the Wise Road (Route 755) Gate.

Construction will not pose a problem for traffic entering the Wise Road Gate at this time, however visitors are urged to use caution. On Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m., the Wise Road Gate will close for the duration of the construction project. The Magnolia Road (Route 152) Gate will be open for government ID only traffic. The Route 24 Gate will remain open for normal traffic (visitors and commercial vehicles). APG employees should plan ahead and expect minor delays upon arriving at the Magnolia Road Gate.

Catholic picnic at Capa Field

The APG Catholic military community will conduct a congregation Eucharist and picnic at noon, June 5 at the CAPA Field picnic area, a short distance from Edgewood Chapel.

There is only one mass on post that day at the picnic site.

For reservations and more information, e-mail car0992@comcast.net or call 410-676-0179.

YC holds Summer Basketball Camp

Bill Lewit, the head coach of the Cecil Community College players for 10 years, will instruct summer basketball camp at the Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902.

Camp is open to girls and boys ages 8 to 16 years of age and will include skills competition and written evaluations. Summer basketball camp will be held 5:45 to 8:45 p.m., July 18 through 22. Cost of registration is \$50.

Registration will be held through June 21, at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571 or Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862 by appointment only.

Concert tickets available

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Aberdeen Proving Ground present The 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert Aug. 20 on Shine Sports Field.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at

www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

Thrift Store offers discount

Bring this advertisement to the APG Thrift Store, building 2458, to receive 10 percent off all purchases.

Store hours for sales are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the first Saturday of the month.

Consignments can be taken 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

USAWOA meetings scheduled

The Aberdeen-Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Warrant Officer Hut located on School Street.

For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4195.

Dental coverage update for Reserve retirees

Reservists who retire from the services are able to waive a standing one-year waiting period for certain dental services due to a new TRICARE rule.

Previously, reserve retirees had to be enrolled for 12 months before being covered for bridges, dentures and certain other dental services.

According to the new TRICARE ruling, as long as a reservist joins the Delta Dental plan within 120 days of his or her retirement date, and provides a copy of their retirement orders, they can request the one-year waiting period be waived.

For more information visit <http://www.trdp.org> or call 1-866-567-1658.

2005 Army Birthday Ball announced

Celebrate the Army’s 230th birthday at the 2005 Army Birthday Ball, 5:30 p.m., June 18, at the Hilton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

For information, visit Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil.

The evening will honor the history and heritage of those who have come before and answered the call to duty for 230 years.

All U.S. Army Soldiers,

family members, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, retirees, veterans and their guests are invited.

Tickets cost \$60 each and include dinner and entertainment. A limited number of discounted tickets at \$20 each will be available for Army staff sergeants and GS-7 civilians and below.

Free parking will be available at the Pentagon South Parking lot, and shuttle service will transport guests to the hotel.

Parking will also be available at the Hilton, but spaces are limited.

Commercial parking is available at other facilities in the area.

Guests will be required to check in for the ball either at the Pentagon or the hotel with government issued photo identification, such as a military I.D. card or a driver’s license.

For more information or to register, visit Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil and follow the link to the ball.

Seats are limited.

3650th Basic Military Training Wing reunion

The Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Association, Inc. will hold its reunion from Sept. 8 through 11 at the former Sampson Air Force Base (known as Sampson State Park), on Seneca Lake, Romulus, N.Y.

All former members of the 3650th Military Training Wing who were stationed at Sampson Air Force Base from 1950 to 1956, including Women’s Air Force, prospective members, permanent party, basic trainees and special schools trainees are invit-

ed to attend.

For more information, call Chip Phillips, 716-633-1119, e-mail chip34@aol.com or fax 716-633-9118.

FCoffee house invites service members

All Aberdeen Proving Ground service members are invited to visit the Christian Coffee House, also known as “The Well,” for a spiritually refreshing good time.

Lounge on sofas and chat with friend, watch movies on the big screen TV, enjoy free refreshments, play games, listen to live music or join in with your own voice or instrument.

Located in building 4308, next to the Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion barracks, “The Well” is open every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. until everyone leaves.

For more information, contact Pfc. Steven Presser, chaplain assistant, 410-278-5395.

ASAP Web site up and running

The new Army Substance Abuse Program Web site is up and running and accessible from the Aberdeen Proving Ground home page.

Click on the blue ASAP box on the right side of the screen

The site contains information, training schedules, links to substance abuse and youth awareness Web sites and online supervisor and alcohol training.

KUSAHC closes on Saturdays

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is no longer open on Saturday. For appointments, call the clinic at 410-278-5475. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Active Duty Sick Call hours remain the same with sign in at 5:30 a.m. for both the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Troop Medical clinics.

New program seeks support

APG’s Minority College Relations Program is currently seeking tenant activities to open their doors to college students seeking mentors, individuals/group research projects and internship opportunities, to complete degrees in human resources management, mathematics, and sciences and engineering.

For more information call the MCRP manager at 410-278-1131 or e-mail the Minority College Relations Team at APG-MCRT@apgarmy.mil.



Local artist designs, paints tribute to troops

Hey Guys,

First let me inform you that I and my platoon, while tired and melancholy, are doing well and healthy. The elections have been a resounding success here and we are proud to have helped make it possible. However freedom does not come to anyone without cost.

It's been a tough week and three more Great Americans from Louisiana have made their last patrols with us. Our brothers from Ironhorse are missed dearly and it is hard for me to type this letter as I think about them. Their unit has already had enough difficulty with the loss of Jeff's leg and now they will have to endure the loss of three more. One of them was a friend of mine and one of Jeff's former squad leaders. I know that he will take this hard. I pray for their families and loved ones and hope you will join me. I cannot tell you how proud I am to have served in their sister company here with them. I only hope that Our Father's will is being done here and that he will see fit to spare us anymore loss-es. I am so thankful that my platoon has been spared any tragedy but feel self-ish in that confession. I am humbled at the grace the Lord has shown us and the protection he has placed around us, but I also feel great anger at the evil people who continue to fight us as cowards.

In the coming weeks and months I know that there will be more casualties on both sides of this war and I feel so much sorrow at the pain that this struggle for democracy for the Iraqi's and increased national security for us is causing... I have to remind myself of the awful price that America and others have paid at the alter of freedom. I know we have been very fortunate in this war... I know that I must remain steadfast and that this pain will pass and I will press on as will my Soldiers, but right now it is difficult. I read somewhere that "All that the Triumph of evil needs is for good men to do nothing." Three more good men from Louisiana did not do nothing; they laid down their lives for their loved ones, for their country, and for each of them their own dedication to their own principles, the very freedom to do so that was granted to them by the blood spilled by good men before us. I wish that they were still here with us now, but I am honored that I am here because of men and women just like them.

Thank you all for all of your support!
Pro Deo et Patria,
Love,
1st Lt. William W. Saint
Jan. 31, 2005

In memoriam

Sgt. Jonathan Ray Reed
Jan. 24, 1980 to Jan. 28, 2005

Spc. Michael Scott Evans II
Jan. 9, 1983 to Jan. 28, 2005

Spc. Christopher James Ramsey
March 18, 1984 to Jan. 28, 2005



Mural is homecoming surprise for Louisiana ARNG unit

Carolyn H. Dawson
APG News

As a homecoming surprise for its local troops returning from combat overseas, the Louisiana Army National Guard Armory in Napoleonville commissioned a local Maryland artist to capture the Soldier's impressions of their tours of duty in Iraq during the War on Terror in a poignant mural.

Harford County mural artist Lori Diebert was hired to design and paint a patriotic combat mural for Company C, 1088th Engineering Battalion Armory in Napoleonville, La., located approximately 50 miles west of New Orleans.

"This is such a tremendous gift to the troops," said Sgt. 1st Class Farrell C. Gros, "We were honored to have Lori Diebert for her services."

Diebert said that when she received the first telephone call from Gros regarding the description of the mural project, "it gave her pause."

Originally, they wanted a modified version of their mascot – which is a large red bulldog – but what they had envisioned was a hybrid half-man, half-bulldog creature – , painted on the wall... So I knew I had to fly down there to help out," Diebert said.

There is so much detailing on the Louisiana Army National Guard mural that the observer misses a lot of it at first glance.

On second glance, written in the background of the entire mural, is an e-mail message sent by Lt. William W. Saint to his family and Army friends dated Jan. 31, 2005. He talks about the upcoming elections in Iraq, how proud the Soldiers are to have helped make the elections possible, but also "freedom does not come to anyone without cost." He mourns the three Soldiers from Louisiana who were killed.

"Our brothers from Ironhorse are missed dearly and it is hard for me to type this letter as I think about them. Their unit has already had enough difficulty with the loss of Jeff's leg and now they will have to endure the loss of three more [lives]. One of them was a friend of mine and one of Jeff's former squad leaders. I know that he will take this hard. I pray for their families and loved ones and hope you will join me. I cannot tell you how proud I am to have served in their sister company here with them."

As referenced in Saint's e-mail, in the lower left corner, "In Memoriam" are the three "brothers from Ironhorse: Sgt. Jonathan Ray Reed, Spc. Michael Scott Evans II and Spc. Christopher James Ramsey."

On the mural, Iraq is depicted as a map, caught in the cross-hairs of U.S. Soldiers and weapons. Yet juxtapositioned is a small Iraqi boy trustingly holding the hand of a U.S. Soldier. And the American eagle – long a symbol of freedom – painted on the mural with its sharp talons and wings spread, is poised and prepared to land on the wall of the armory, which represents the desert lands of Iraq.

Infinitesimal detailing went into the painting of each M-16 weapon, Diebert said, because she realized that the Soldiers would be studying the mural up close to see if she had painted the M-16 correctly.

"A Soldier knows his gun the same way he knows his mother's face," she said.

So she had to get it right.

Diebert looked through 3,500 photographs from many Army missions until she found the ones she was satisfied with for the images to spell out "Louisiana Army National Guard."

As exciting as this mural project was, it still was no cakewalk for Diebert. To help save the project even more money, she slept on the floor of the armory and cooked her meals in the mess hall kitchen instead of customary hotels and restaurants as with other clients.

Just as she painted the flag upon the armory wall, Diebert received word that her father suffered a heart attack in Maryland, and she had to fly back.

"This was an interesting evolution of feelings for me," Diebert commented. "A real depiction of naïveté... the learning curve was high. From a non-military perspective, it was simply wonderful to take the first steps of helping to develop an idea to a concept, depiction with strength and courage and identification of unit ... just phenomenal."

The project took one week and five days "and they were long

days," Diebert said."

Some of the work was done before she even arrived in Louisiana. Numerous logos and patches were mailed to Diebert so that custom-made stencils could be created. She also looked through the various Army Web sites, searching for the appropriate photographs she could blow up, crop and make into transparencies.

These images are sometimes converted into 'tattoos' via an imprinting process where the photograph is changed to an ink tattoo and then the inked tattoo is transferred onto the wall. Paint can also be applied under or over parts of these 'tattoos.'

The entire lower portion of the mural that reads 'Louisiana Army National Guard' is an example of tattooing.

"It was an honor to have been part of this project for a little while," Diebert said. "I have nothing but respect for the men and women in our military and all the sacrifices they make for all of us."

The Louisiana troops currently deployed in Iraq are expected to return home in October 2005. Plans are in the works for a great 'welcome home' party and formal mural unveiling ceremony, Gros said. Until their return, the mural will hopefully be kept covered up to maintain the element of surprise, Gros said.

"We are looking for a 12 foot by 21 foot or larger flag to cover the mural until the unit returns," he said. "If anyone knows of such a flag, please contact me [Gros] at 985-369-7627."

Prior to the National Guard project, Diebert worked on projects in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Some local projects include murals at Bulle Rock, the Make A Wish Foundation, Harford Day School and Cork and Barrel and a major league ball player's home.

Having more than a decade of artistic experience, Diebert sought to invent a business with flexible hours to work around her children, ages 13 and 9; and her husband who works for the Baltimore County government.

Muraling seemed like a wonderful fit for her.

"I've always been a realistic artist; I try to make my art as realistic and as detailed as possible," Diebert said. "I like to draw people and add lots of animals and other small details into my work."

She currently resides in Harford County about 10 miles from Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For information call 410-838-7427 or visit Diebert at www.loridiebert.com.

Illustration by BLAKE VOSHELL

Artist Lori Diebert copies the words of 1st Lt. William Saint's e-mail message on the flag section of the mural. The e-mail spoke of the election in Iraq and Saint's fallen comrades "at the alter of freedom."

Diebert puts the finishing touches to the painting of the large 12 feet by 21 feet U.S. flag on the mural. The project was completed in a week and five days.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Bargains abound at APG Vehicle For-Sale lots

MWR

The APG Outdoor Recreation Program offers a little-known service to Morale, Welfare and Recreation patronage and that is the Vehicle For-Sale lots.

This service is open to all military, installation employees and installation long-term contractors.

Anyone that owns a car, truck, recreational vehicle, boat, trailer, or other vehicle, can put them up for sale in these areas.

Sellers can register their vehicle

for sale in this lot for up to \$5 for active duty and \$10 for others. The fee is for storage time.

If the vehicle is not sold within 30 days, the patron must re-register the vehicle and pay another month's storage fee. Vehicles are to be registered month-by-month and if a vehicle is not sold within 90 days it must be removed for six months.

Only vehicles owned by the seller, properly registered at Outdoor Recreation and have a current state motor vehicle registration can be sold

in the program.

Law enforcement personnel are authorized to check the lot for unauthorized vehicles and are authorized to remove vehicles at the owner's expense.

There are two For-Sale areas--one is located adjacent to the Recreational Storage Lot in the 5400 block on Washington Loop just off Boothby Hill Road and the other is located across from the RV storage lot on Scully Road and just off Bush River Road. To register a vehicle,

visit the Outdoor Recreation office, building 2407.

For more information, contact Mary Brousseau, operations assistant, 410-278-5789, but any of the staff at Outdoor Recreation can help.

Purchasing a vehicle from the lot

Anyone looking to buy a car, truck, boat, camper, or RV, is invited to stop by any of the MWR For-Sale Lots and view what is for sale.

Currently, there is a 1989 GMC

2500 Pick-Up truck, a 1986 Bayliner Boat, a 1994 Jeep Cherokee, a 1997 Ford F150 XLT and a 2004 Jay Feather Travel Trailer in the Aberdeen Area lot and a 1994 HI-LO Travel Trailer in the Edgewood Area. Anyone deciding to purchase a vehicle in one of the lots should look in the front window on the dashboard to find the registration certificate with the contact information.

Do not call Outdoor Recreation for contact information as this cannot be divulged.

Activities

Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month.

If that is a training holiday, the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Thursday prior.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

MWR Leisure Needs Survey underway

The 2005 Army-wide MWR Leisure Needs Survey will soon land in mailboxes of many Army service members and retirees.

Army civilian employees will receive their survey packets and have the option to complete the survey online by going to www.armymwr-survey.com.

The survey was last conducted in 2000.

The survey helps MWR assess recreational needs and customers' level of satisfaction with MWR programs. Survey results assist to identify strengths and weaknesses of MWR programs and will ultimately serve to improve MWR's responsiveness to its customers' needs, and to facilitate resource allocation decisions.

"When a Leisure Needs Survey is received, please take the time to respond and return it -- everyone's input is important to MWR," said Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

Beginning kayak

Classes will be held 5 to 8 p.m., every Friday, June 3 to 17 at the Aberdeen Boat Docks. These instructional classes are designed to enable the student to become proficient in the safe operation of a kayak in open water.

The course will consist of hands-on-training in the water. Participants should wear comfortable attire (tennis shoes or water shoes, shorts and a tee-shirt/sweatshirt) depending on the weather.

Register by June 1. Kayak lessons cost \$75 per person and include all equipment. A hat, sunscreen, water, towel, and a change of clothes

are also recommended. Open to ages 18 and older.

YC holds Summer Basketball Camp

Bill Lewit, the head coach of the Cecil Community College players for 10 years, will instruct summer basketball camp at the Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902.

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Registration will be held through June 21, at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571 or Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862 by appointment only.

MWR hosts talent show

APG MWR is hosting a talent show 7:30 p.m., June 4, at the APG Recreation Center.

Prizes will be given to 1st place winners in all categories, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the overall talent search will receive \$250, \$175 and \$100 respectively.

Talent categories are vocal soloist male/female, instrumental soloist, rap male/female, spoken word male/female, vocal group (max of five people), vocal instrumental (maximum of 10 people), dance and comedy.

Admission is \$3 for active duty and \$5 for all others. The competition is only open to MWR patrons, but the show is open to the public.

Boxing

Amateur Boxing Night will feature the 143rd Ordnance Battalion taking on the 16th Ordnance Battalion June 18 at the Athletic Center, building 3300.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and boxing begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 for front row ring side seating, \$5 for active duty military and \$10 for non-military.

Tickets can be purchased at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210; 410-436-7134, or visit www.apgmwr.com.

'Putt 4 Dough'

Go for the green on June 18 at Exton Golf Course or July 16 at Ruggles Golf Course with the Army Golf program.

Army Golf Courses will host a 'Putt 4 Dough' promotion this summer, in conjunction

with the Summer Scramble.

Someone at each installation could win \$10,000.

Participants of the promotion will put their putter to the test. All it takes to win is to make three successive putts in a row from 10 foot, 25 foot and 50 foot and golfer could win the \$10,000 prize purse. The promotion is open to everyone, no golf experience needed.

Stop by the Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-4794, or Exton Golf Course, 410-436-2213, for more details on how to 'Putt 4 Dough.'

For a copy of the official rules and a list of the participating locations, visit www.ArmyMWRGolf.com.

British Soccer Camp

Camp begins the first week of August, with a mini soccer camp 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and a half day camp 10:10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Youth Geography Challenge

APG youths are invited to take the "Youth Geography Challenge Top 35" at the Youth Center or at home May through August. Parents or staff may assist, but not provide answers.

Using a map or globe youths will get 35 questions to research and answer. There is also a bonus question worth 2 points.

Prizes will be awarded according to the number of correct answers:

31-35, 1st place trophy

25-30, 2nd place medallion (white ribbon)

19-24, 3rd place medallion (red ribbon)

12-18, participation trophy

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison officer, 410-278-2857.

Learn to play chess

Youth Services offers free chess classes for APG students in 3rd grade or higher at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, and Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902.

Classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for students 6th grade and higher and for 3rd through 5th graders. Classes will be held at the Edgewood Youth Center 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., Wednesdays for students 3rd grade and higher. Instructional booklets and chess sets are available to all participating students. Round robin tournaments will also be conducted. Sign up with Charles Heinsohn at the times stated above, or call him at 410-278-3868.

Upcoming Driver Education Classes available

Youth Services will present state certified Driver's Education classes 30 hours of

Youth Soccer Field.

Cost is \$69 for Mini Soccer and \$98 for half-day camp. Register early and receive a free jersey. All participants will receive a T-shirt and soccer ball.

Registration runs through July 15.

Youth Tennis

The Youth Tennis program teaches the fundamentals of tennis including skills, rules and strategies. The program will have a tournament and skills competitions throughout.

The program will be held Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., June 22 to Aug. 3, at the CRD Tennis Courts.

Cost is \$40 per child. Registration will be held May 2 to 20 at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479, or the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, 410-436-2862, by appointment only.

instruction each and will begin on a Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week. There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (June 4 and 8, and July 13, and 16) to review rules and procedures.

The following classes are scheduled:

Aberdeen Area, CPO Training Facility building 5467, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

June 8 through 21

July 13 through 26

Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 4 through July 9 (closed July 1 through 4)

Edgewood Area, Conference Center, building E-4811

June 27 through July 12 (closed July 1 through 4)

Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 16 through Aug. 13

Students should bring their lunch to classes on Saturdays.

The cost is \$295 plus \$18 registration/membership fee for teens or family members 15 years of age or older, of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Adults may also register on a case-by-case basis.

To register for classes in Aberdeen, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazz, 410-278-7479, building 2752. For Edgewood classes, visit the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon. and 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following is a list of some new books available at the APG MWR Library:

Soldier Dead: how we recover, identify, bury, and honor our military fallen by Michael Sledge

Soldier Dead is the first book to fully address the complicated physical, social, religious, economic, and political issues concerning the remains of men and women who die while serving their country.

Marker by Robin Cook

Hunter Killer by Patrick Robinson

Public Enemy #2: all-new Boondocks collection by Aaron McGruder

Twilight at Little Round Top, July 2, 1863: the tide turns at Gettysburg by Glenn LaFantasie

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2005 season. Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military, APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long-term contractors with government ID card.

Membership requirements include performance of 10 hours of work and standing assigned security watches. Members must provide proof of identification, boat registration and liability insurance.

Costs are:

- \$20 per foot for a moored boat with parking lot space for trailers
- \$11.50 per foot for moored boat only
- \$8.50 per foot for a boat on a trailer in a parking lot space
- \$8 per foot for ramp access only

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation.

Opening for the season on April 9. This is a designated work day for members.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

Building 3326

Serves lunch Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-2621.

Ruggles Golf Course

Sutherland Golf Clubhouse

Building 5600

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday, 7 a.m. to dusk.

For more information, call 410-278-7263.

Top of the Bay

Building 30

Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-3062.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342

Specials for June 6 through 12

Chicken salad sandwich with chips and 16 oz. soda, \$4.50

OR

Shrimp with fries and 16 oz. soda, \$5.10



APG pool openings

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Bayside, building E-4655 and Olympic pools, building 3325, opened May 28 for the weekend only, and will be opened on June 4 and 5, 11 and 12. Starting June 13 the pools will be open daily. Hours of operation will be 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Shore Pool, building 2031, will open on June 13 and close Aug. 21. Hours are Monday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Daily fee

The daily fee costs \$3 per person for authorized patrons 6 years old and above; \$5 per person for guests 6 years old and above; and \$1 per person for guests 5 years old and under.

Individual monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$10, all others cost \$20.

Family monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$20, all others cost \$40.

Individual season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$30, all others cost \$50.

Family season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$60, all others cost \$100.

Passes are available for purchase at Equipment Resource Center, building 2407 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210. For more information, call the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124 or e-mail ourdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

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What does Memorial Day mean to you?



Lt. Col. Alan Weir, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and leader of Cub Scout Pack #651

This is a day to remember all the sacrifices, not just those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, but everyone who served their country. It's also a good way to spend with your family.



Hedy Lis, wife of deceased World War II veteran and instructor at the APG Craft Shop

Memorial Day means honoring not only those who died, but those who continue to serve our country. My husband is buried at the Baltimore National Cemetery. It's too far so I come here every year to honor his memory.



Ron Zwicke, U.S. Army Evaluation Center and a member of American Legion Post #17 and the Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council #6188

Memorial Day is a time to think back and thank the people who have served or who died serving our country. I've been doing this for over 10 years because I believe it's important that we always remember.

Ethnic

From front page

Pacific Americans achieved excellence in the military in the face of adversity and discrimination.

He said that they “served as early as the civil war despite the exclusionary laws that denied them citizenship.”

The program’s “cultural presentation” consisted of a martial arts demonstration from Freedom Martial Arts and Wellness Center’s Ryan Velivlis, co-owner and Rick

Simon, a student at the center.

Some of the techniques they displayed were “Fu hu Chuan,” “Spring Autumn” and “Big Knife” (Kwan Dao).

Velivlis referred to the art as a discipline.

“It’s about a lifestyle,” Simon said. “It’s almost on a religious level it’s so spiritual.

“I enjoy this sport because it’s one that doesn’t involve a competitor-your greatest challenger is yourself.

Velivlis said the additional reward is that “you get to learn about another culture at the

same time.”

Matthews, was the master of ceremonies while Combest hosted the program.

The National Anthem was sung by 5 year-old Kennedy Triplett and Chaplain Jeffrey Watters (Maj.) said the opening and closing prayer.

The program included a food sampling of the Asian Pacific American culture. The six entrees on the menu came from Aberdeen’s Family Buffet restaurant. It included fried rice, egg rolls, chicken and broccoli, pepper steak,

general tso’s chicken and mixed vegetables.

During the social portion of the program there was an opportunity to hear music and see art of the culture.

In addition a movie about the history of South Korea was shown.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Robinson, DTC, said, “It was all great.” He said he found Chaplain Kim’s personal testimony fascinating.

“The chaplain came to this country, became a minister, and changed his citizenship.

That says a lot about our country.” Overall he said, “It was informative.”

Master Sgt. Harvey Thomas, 16th Ordnance Battalion, said, the martial arts performers “did a super job,” and his favorite entrée was the fried rice.

Janet Kim, EEO Officer, said the program “served as a good awareness event.”

“DTC really pulled through with this event just because this is recognition of Asian Pacific Islanders as a valuable minority group that contributes to the Army mission,” [Janet] Kim said.

“The garrison and DTC could not have done it without them,” he said. “They arrived early and left late.”

Karen Colmie, attorney advisor for the U.S. Army Environmental Center, said that the committee “hopes to get members that would help with recruiting, retention and promoting.”

The DTC has sponsored this program in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage month for years.

Jim Rivera, APG EEO Officer, said “Without diversity society will eventually fail.”

He added that it is “Important that we understand the underlying differences that others have and give recognition to their contributions in promoting a healthy society.”

Memorial

From front page

different ways,” Nadeau said. “As we go through the day, let us stop and pause to remember those who sacrificed all for freedom.”

Chuck Blair, commander of VFW Post #5337 in Abingdon, thanked Nadeau with a commemorative plaque and Dick Miller, VFW chaplain, delivered the benediction and read the poem, “Flander’s Field.”

“Freedom is never free,” Blair said after the reading. “We pay an awful price with the blood of our brave men

and women.”

The programs highlights included the laying of memorial wreaths by Charlene Wetzel, senior vice president, VFW Post #5337 ladies auxiliary; Deloris Kozlowski, president, Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council #6188 ladies auxiliary; and Shirley Akins, president, American Legion Post #17 ladies auxiliary who included junior auxiliary member Jewel Watson, 7, in the ceremony.

“We decided to involve the juniors more in honoring our veterans,” Akins said. “This is a good place for them to learn.”

Baird thanked the event’s organizers

for the “outstanding effort they put into Memorial Day each year.”

They included Blair, Robert Dorsey, past commander American Legion Post #17; and Butch Grzanka, APG Garrison operations officer.

“Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your service,” Baird said.

He invited participants and guest to Post #17 for refreshments.

“We ask that you remember today and to come out next year and bring a friend,” Baird said. “We also ask you to remember that freedom is not free. This war on terror is a totally different type of war. Let us continue to support our military, our veterans and their families.”

Spouse

From page 2

Sometimes the monotony of laundry, housecleaning, grocery shopping and taxi driving leaves military wives feeling empty -- the kind of emptiness that is rarely fulfilled when husbands come home and don't want to or can't talk about work.

We need to be reminded, at times; of the important role we fill for our family and for our country.

Over the years, I've talked a lot about military spouses...how special they are and the price they pay for freedom too.

The funny thing is, most military spouses don't consider themselves different from other spouses.

They do what they have to do, bound together not by blood or merely friendship, but with a shared spirit whose origin is in the very essence of what love truly is.

Is there truly a difference? I think there is. You have to decide for yourself.

Other spouses get married and look forward to building equity in a home and putting down family roots. Military spouses get married and know they'll live in base housing or rent, and their roots must be short so they can be transplanted frequently.

Other spouses decorate a home with flair and personality that will last a lifetime. Military spouses decorate a home with flare tempered with the knowledge that no two base houses have the same size windows or same size rooms. Curtains have to be flexible and multiple sets are a plus. Furniture must fit like puzzle pieces.

Other spouses have living rooms that are immaculate and seldom used. Military spouses have immaculate living room/dining room combos. The coffee table got a scratch or two moving from Germany, but it still looks pretty good.

Other spouses say good-bye to their spouse for a business trip and know they won't see them for a week. They are lonely, but can survive. Military spouses say good-bye to their deploying spouse and know they won't see them for months, or for a remote, a year. They are lonely, but will survive.

Other spouses, when a washer hose blows off, call Maytag and then write a check out for having the

hose reconnected. Military spouses will cut the water off and fix it themselves.

Other spouses get used to saying "hello" to friends they see all the time. Military spouses get used to saying "good-bye" to friends made the last two years.

Other spouses worry about whether their child will be class president next year. Military spouses worry about whether their child will be accepted in yet another school next year and whether that school will be the worst in the city...again.

Other spouses can count on spouse participation in special events...birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, football games, graduation, and even the birth of a child. Military spouses only count on each other; because they realize that the flag has to come first if freedom is to survive. It has to be that way.

Other spouses put up yellow ribbons when the troops are imperiled across the globe and take them down when the troops come home. Military spouses wear yellow ribbons around their hearts and they never go away.

Other spouses worry about being late for mom's Thanksgiving dinner. Military spouses worry about getting back from Japan in time for dad's funeral.

The television program showing an elderly lady putting a card down in front of a long, black wall that has names on it touches other spouses. The card simply says, "Happy Birthday, Sweetheart. You would have been 60 today." A military spouse is the lady with the card, and the wall is the Vietnam Memorial.

I would never say military spouses are better than other spouses, but I will say there is a difference.

I will say, without hesitation, that military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active duty husbands and wives.

Perhaps the price they pay is even higher.

Dying in service to our country isn't near as hard as loving someone who has died in service to our country, and having to live without them.

God bless our military spouses for all they freely give. And God bless America.



Collectors roll into 32ND Annual Military Vehicle Rally



An M-37 Dodge weapons carrier from the Korean War era owned by Bill Edwards of St. Mary's County is one of dozens of vehicles displayed by private owners during the three-day rally.

**Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News**

Todd Welsh of Edgewood poses in a World War II 101st Airborne Division paratrooper uniform at the 32nd Annual Military Vehicle Rally at Ripken Stadium May 14.

A collection of military memorabilia to rival any museum assembled near Aberdeen Proving Ground for the 32nd Annual Military Vehicle Rally, an event held in conjunction with Ordnance Week activities, at Ripken Stadium May 12 to 14.

Organized by the Washington Area Collectors Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trust and supported by the Ordnance Museum Foundation, the rally is the largest continuously held outdoor militaria flea market in the country.

Vendors hawking military vehicles, uniforms, tents, insignia, books, equipment, tools, and more gather for three days of selling then donate the proceeds to the Ordnance Foundation.

"More than 2,300 attended during the rally's first two days," said Anja Taylor, the rally's registration coordinator. "This has been our biggest one so far. Many come out just to see the different vehicles then stay to browse the vendors' wares."

She said the rally will return again next year during the Mother's Day weekend.

"This is a big day for the foundation," added retired Col. Kone Brugh, chairman of the board of trustees for the Ordnance Museum Foundation, which displayed a priceless fully-restored multi-gun motor carriage, the model, used during the Korean War, included four 50-caliber machine gun mounts, known as the Maxson Turret, with folded armored sides, mounted on a half-track M-3 personnel carrier.

"We drove it out here," Brugh said. "This is an example of why we're still trying to raise funds to get our artifacts out of the weather," he added in regard to the museum's ongoing restoration project.

"When you spend all the money to refurbish these artifacts you don't want to put them back out in the elements," Brugh said.

Collectors and vendors came from all over, each with their own reasons. Paul Hellman said.

A specialist in World War II uniforms and firearms, Dennis Todd's display included an MG-34 machinegun, 60mm mortar round training aids, and uniforms and headgear.

A retired sergeant first class, formerly assigned to the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Todd retired in 1992 and resided in Cecil County.

"I've been collecting most of my life. Mostly because I don't have the money to buy anything," Todd said.

"I just kind of like military stuff," added Bob Ledemann of Culpepper, Va., who displayed an Iltis Volkswagen, a 1959 model similar to the American jeep.

He said he's owned it two years.

"There aren't many left due to today's emission controls," he said.

Bill Edwards, a collector from southern Maryland, a retired Navy civilian, said his 1952 M-37 Dodge weapons carrier was one of his prized possessions.

"I've had it about four years," Edwards said. "I put in about 40 years with Uncle Sam and it rubbed off on me," he said of his passion for collecting. "I guess you can't escape the beauty of 'O.D. green.'"

Todd Welsh, of Edgewood, strolled the grounds wearing a World War II 101st Airborne Division paratrooper uniform, complete with brown boots.

A former member of the Civil Air Patrol, Welsh said he collects in hopes of one day becoming a re-enactor.

"I've always been interested in military history and paratroopers in particular," Welsh said. "I guess I just like military things."

As he watched his 1943 M3A1 half-track being mounted on a flatbed trailer for the return trip to his New Jersey home, Andrew Torrieri said that his six vehicles are for display only.

"Nothing here is for sale," Torrieri said. "My family can't even sell them when I'm gone. Everything has to go to a museum."

As he stood atop the Maxson Turret, Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient Ralph Denton of Bel Air demonstrated how he was wounded in Korea. A gunner with Battery C, 82nd Anti Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division from 1950 to 1951, Denton said he received 14 rounds to the legs and was knocked off the vehicle during the battle of Won Ju on Jan. 7, 1951.

"This one really brings back memories," Denton said. "Vehicles like this are priceless. I'm just glad to see so many others agree."



The dashboard of a Multiple Gun Motor Carriage displayed by the Ordnance Museum Foundation details the care with which the museum's vehicles are being restored.



Workers load a 1943 M3A1 halftrack belonging to Andrew Torrieri of New Jersey onto a flatbed for the trip home at the end of the rally on May 14.



Korean War veteran Ralph Denton demonstrates how he was firing a 50-caliber machine gun atop the half-track personnel carrier known as the Maxson Turret just before being wounded during the Korean War.

Illustration by BLAKE VOSHELL



World War II-era U.S. officer and enlisted headgear and 60mm mortar round training aids are just a few of the items available for sale from collector Dennis A. Todd, a retired sergeant first class from Cecil County.

Youth alcohol, drugs

Summer drug-free checklist for parents of teens

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The Army Substance Abuse Program wants parents to know that summer can be a risky time for teens.

More teens try marijuana for the first time in June and July than any other time of the year. Each day in June and July, more than 6,300 youths try marijuana for the first time, that's 40 percent more per day than during the rest of the year.

And marijuana is more harmful than some parents think. Marijuana can be addictive and lead to a host of health, social and behavioral problems at a crucial time in youth's lives, when their bodies and brains are still developing.

Marijuana use damages lungs,

impairs learning and decreases motivation. Teens who use marijuana in early adolescence are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as delinquency, engaging in sexual activity, driving while high or riding with someone who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. They are also more likely to perceive drugs as not harmful and have more friends who exhibit deviant behavior.

So how can parents stop a teen's summer from going to pot? This "S-U-M-M-E-R" drug-free checklist will be helpful to concerned parents.

Set rules. Set clear rules and let the teen know that marijuana use is unacceptable. Two-thirds of teens say that upsetting their parents or losing the

respect of family and friends is one of the main reasons they don't smoke marijuana or use other drugs. Set limits with clear consequences for breaking them; praise and reward good behavior.

Understand and communicate. Talk to the teen about the harmful physical, mental and social effects of marijuana and other illicit drugs on young users. Young people who learn about the risks of drugs at home are up to 50 percent less likely to try drugs than their peers who learn nothing from their parents. Look for teachable moments in everyday life to keep the conversation ongoing.

Monitor teen's activities and behaviors. Check to see where the

teen is, who they are with, and what they are doing. Teens that are not regularly monitored by their parents are four times more likely to use drugs. Check up on the teen to make sure they are where they say they are.

Make sure to stay involved in the teen's life. Talk to the teen's coach, employer and friends occasionally. Parents should stay in touch with the adult supervisors of their child (camp counselors, coaches, employers) and ask them for information on changes they observe in the teen.

Engage teens in summer activities. Help plan activities to keep teens busy. Research shows that teens who are involved in constructive and adult-supervised activities are less

likely to use drugs.

Reserve time for family. Plan a family activity with the teen in the coming weeks, such as going to the movies, taking a walk, or sharing a meal. Teens that spend time, talk and have a close relationship with their parents are much less likely to drink, take drugs or have sex.

For more information, contact Cindy Scott, 410-278-3784, e-mail her at Cynthia.Scott1@usag.apg.army.mil, visit the APG ASAP Web site, www.apg-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/asap/, or stop by building A-2477 and speak with the ASAP staff.

Look for the next installment of youth substance abuse issues in the June 9 issue of *APG News*.